



California Asian Pacific Islander Policy Summit

Connecting the Dots: The Catalyst for a Stronger Community Voice

May 26th – 27th, 2009

February 17, 2009

Dear Friend:

Asian Pacific Islanders (APIs) have reached a critical mass in the state of California. The API community is now the second largest minority community in California. Additionally, the diversity of the API community reaches nearly six to seven generations in the United States with over 48 ethnic sub-groups. Today, API's represent a critical swing vote in state and national elections, and through grassroots organizing, our community has proven to have a powerful voice.

Our communities must continue to elevate our role in shaping California public policy as we become more firmly rooted and invested in this State. To that end, we are pleased to invite you to the 6th Annual California Asian Pacific Islander Policy Summit on May 26th – 27th, 2009, at the Sacramento Convention Center.

This year's theme of "Connecting the Dots: the Catalyst for a Stronger Community Voice" speaks to our goal of creating an even stronger community coalition at this year's summit. Organizing API community members, community based organizations, non-profits and elected officials under a collective movement will provide boundless opportunities to further advance the API agenda.

API public policy advocacy has grown on the community level as well as with state elected representation. The California API Joint Legislative Caucus has reached its highest membership to date, with eleven API members in 2009. This is remarkable progress considering that in 1991, there were zero legislators of API descent. Additionally, State Controller John Chiang and Board of Equalization Members Judy Chu, Michelle Steele, and Betty Yee represent Asian Pacific Islanders in prominent constitutional offices.

This year's summit marks a paradigm shift that reflects our ability to impact public policy with greater depth and sophistication. Participants will be asked to roll up their sleeves and apply and expand their advocacy skills based in four different policy areas, or "tracks:" Civil Rights, Community Development & Housing, Education, and Health & Human Services.

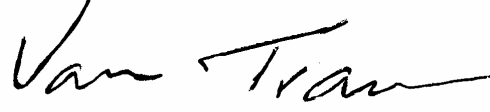
In addition to the skills building workshops and strategic roundtable sessions, participants will advocate their legislative, policy, and budget issues with elected officials that correspond with their respective track. Participants will also have ample opportunity to network and meet with community activists and elected officials.

The API Policy Summit marks a significant opportunity for California API community members and organizations to empower themselves and their community at the California State Capitol. We look forward to your participation at the 2009 Summit!

Sincerely,



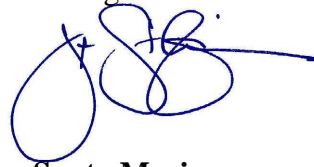
Assemblyman Ted Lieu, Co-Chair
API Joint Legislative Caucus



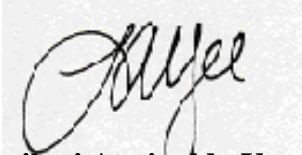
Assemblymember Van Tran, Co-Chair
API Joint Legislative Caucus



Diane Ujiye
Chair, CA Commission on API Affairs
Executive Director, APIs CAN



James Santa Maria
Chair, Asian American Education Institute



Leilani Aguinaldo Yee
Advocate, Asian Americans
for Civil Rights & Equality



Carole Hayashino
President, API Legislative Caucus Institute



California Asian Pacific Islander Policy Summit Agenda

May 26, 2009

Sacramento Convention Center

8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. Breakfast, Conference Registration, and Resources Exposition

9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Welcome

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Plenary: Connecting the Dots

11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Workshops Round 1

12:30 p.m. – 1:45 p.m. Box Lunch / Legislative Team Meetings

1:45 p.m. – 3:15 p.m. Workshops Round 2

3:15 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Break

3:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. Roundtables

5:30 pm. – 6:00 p.m. Check-in Hotel

6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Cocktail Reception

7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. API Policy Summit Dinner

May 27, 2009

Sacramento Convention Center

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Registration & Breakfast

9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Legislative Team Meetings

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Advocacy Visits [State Capitol]

12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. Lunch & Formal Closing Remarks [State Capitol]

*Agenda subject to change



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Registration Form

Name	Title	
Company/Organization		
Address	City, State & Zip	
Telephone	Fax	Email
Other Affiliations: _____		

Do You Have Any Special Requests?

- ☐ Dietary Restrictions: _____
- ☐ Interpreter (Specify Language): _____
- ☐ Check here if you would like to receive e-mail updates on statewide API issues.

1. CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

Conference registration covers workshops, roundtables, legislative visits, breakfast and lunch only.

- ☐ \$80 Early Bird Two-day Registration Fee (Due 3/31/09)
- ☐ \$120 Two-day Registration Fee (Due 4/24/08)
- ☐ \$75 One-day Registration Fee (Due 4/24/08)
- Indicate which day (Circle One): May 26th/May 27th

2. May 26th DINNER REGISTRATION

The API Policy Summit Dinner features summit accomplishments, honors community leaders and raises funds for the Summit. Please reserve:

☐ **Corporate Table Sponsorship:**
Table of 10 @ \$2000

☐ **Non-profit Table Sponsorship:**
Table of 10 @ \$1000

☐ **Individual:**
Seat(s) @ \$100 Qty _____

☐ **Summit Participant/Student Rate:**
Seat(s) @ \$65 Qty _____

TABLE SPONSOR GUEST LIST

- 1) _____
- 2) _____
- 3) _____
- 4) _____
- 5) _____
- 6) _____

- 7) _____
- 8) _____
- 9) _____
- 10) _____

3. SUMMIT CO-SPONSORSHIP

Funds generated by co-sponsorships will help to support conference scholarships (Please see Sponsorship Form for more levels).

- ☐ Champion Co-sponsor: \$500
- ☐ Advocate Co-sponsor: \$250
- ☐ Supporter Co-sponsor: I will mobilize constituents to attend the Summit through listservs, websites, personal contacts, newsletters and other means. Please describe a specific outreach plan: _____

4. TOTAL COSTS

Conference Registration \$ _____

Dinner \$ _____

Co-Sponsorship \$ _____

TOTAL AMOUNT DUE \$ _____

Please make checks payable to "Asian American Education Institute"

5. CAPITOL & STATE DEPARTMENT LEGISLATIVE VISITS

The summit organizers will arrange for participants to meet with legislative leaders on May 27th. Would you like to participate in Capitol legislative visits to promote your issues with your elected official?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Please contact us five days prior to the Summit if you are no longer able to participate in the legislative visits.

If yes to the above question, please answer the following:

Who are the Assembly Member and State Senator for your home district? Your work district? To find out, go to:
<http://192.234.213.69/Imapsearch/framepage.asp>

Are there legislators you have relationships with and/or would like to meet with?*

What are your areas of interest and/or expertise?

*You may not be scheduled with the legislator you request.

6. Policy Tracks: (Please select one)

At this year's Summit, the participant experience will focus on one of four policy tracks. Each track will feature its own unique workshops and roundtables. The specific issues may include what is listed below, but will likely not address everything listed. Please select a track that would be most relevant to your interests and work:

- ☐ **Civil Rights** - Voting Rights, Immigrant Rights, Environmental Justice, Labor
- ☐ **Education** - Infant to Toddler, Pre-School, K-12, Special Education, Higher Education, Global Education
- ☐ **Health & Human Services** - Health, Human Services, Substance Abuse, Mental Health, Problem Gambling, Domestic Violence, Criminal Justice, Juvenile Justice, Public Benefits.
- ☐ **Housing & Community Development** - Housing, Community Development, Small Business, Economic Development

7. HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

A limited number of special rate rooms are available at the Sheraton Grand Hotel. Please identify yourself as a participant of the **API Policy Summit** when reserving your room. To secure your discounted rate at \$179 per night, you must reserve your room by May 1, 2009.

Sheraton Grand Hotel

1230 J Street
Sacramento, CA 95814
1(800) 325-3535

For more hotel and transportation information, visit the Sacramento Convention and Visitors' Travel Bureau at:
<http://www.discovergold.org/>

8. Group Promotion

Limited table space will be available for organizational materials (brochures, etc.). Please indicate if you plan on bringing any materials.

☐ Yes ☐ No

Please describe what kind of materials and the quantity:

9. How did you hear about the Conference (check all that apply)?

- ☐ Website. Specify: _____
- ☐ Listserve. Specify: _____
- ☐ Organization. Specify: _____
- ☐ Social Networking Site. Specify: _____
- ☐ Printed Outreach. Specify: _____
- ☐ Word of Mouth. Specify: _____
- ☐ Other _____

Please mail complete registration forms and full payment to:

Asian American Education Institute
Attn: API Policy Summit
P.O. Box 188858
Sacramento, CA 95818

For more information, please contact Andrew T. Medina at (916) 319-3686 or email
Andrew.Medina@asm.ca.gov

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Scholarship Application

Scholarship may consist of waived conference registration fees and/or stipend of varying amounts for lodging and travel. These scholarships are intended to support the participation of individuals in need of financial assistance.

DEADLINE: All completed scholarship applications must be received with conference registration forms by March 31, 2009.

Name

Organization

Title

Address

City

State

Zip Code

Phone Number

Fax Number

Email

(For Students) University/College

Major

Please indicate the type of award for which you are applying: (check all that apply)

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Registration fee waiver

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Stipend (for travel or lodging expenses)

Please indicate the subject track you selected in your Registration Form: (check only one)

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Civil Rights

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Education

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Health & Human Services

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Housing & Community Development

Please send registration form and scholarship application to: Asian American Education Institute, Attn: API Policy Summit, P.O. Box 188858, Sacramento, CA 95818.

Please provide typed answers to the following questions (please label any additional sheets with your name and staple to the application):

1. (For organizations only) Please describe the mission and goals of your organization. What group/s does your organization primarily serve?
2. Why is it important for you or someone from your organization to attend the California Asian Pacific Islander Policy Summit?
3. What specific experiences or knowledge can you contribute to the API Policy Summit?
4. How will you bring back the information and experience of the Summit to your community? What communities will benefit from your participation at the Summit?
5. Please explain why you want to participate in the subject track you selected for the summit and describe what background and expertise you have in that particular subject track.
6. Do you plan on participating in both days of the conference, including the Capitol Legislative Visits? If you are only attending one day of the conference, please indicate which day.
7. How many API Policy Summits or APIsCAN Legislative Conferences have you attended in the past?
8. Have you received a prior scholarship to an API Policy Summit?
9. Please describe your financial need for the scholarship. (e.g. If you are attending on behalf of an organization, why is your organization unable to cover your expenses? What is your organization's annual budget?)